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Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 5, line 2⁹¹, with the following rewritten paragraph:

To bring about optimum efficiency of the PTC element 2, the ratio $\frac{R_{PTC}}{R_b} \frac{P_{PTC}}{P_b}$ should be chosen to be as great as possible. Furthermore, however, the ratio of $\frac{P_{adhesion + PTC \text{ without enforced relaxation}}}{P_{adhesion + PTC \text{ after enforced relaxation}}}$ should lie as close as possible to 1. In this case, the ratio of $\frac{R_{PTC}}{R_b} \frac{P_{PTC}}{P_b}$ lies in particular between about 4 and 40 and the ratio of $\frac{P_{adhesion + PTC \text{ without enforced relaxation}}}{P_{adhesion + PTC \text{ after enforced relaxation}}}$ lies between about 1.2 and 1.02.